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In re application of:

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Assignee: Maternus, Inc.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2002 in the above captioned application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In The Drawings

To replace the drawing sheets that are missing from the file, please enter the enclosed set of drawings.

In The Claims

Kindly amend the following claims as indicated.

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1. (Amended) An amniotic sac-rupturing device adapted to be secured on the hand of a physician for rupturing the amniotic sac of an expectant mother, comprising:

an elongate, flexible shank having a proximal end and a distal end thereof;

a rearward facing sharp point mounted on the distal end of said shank, suitable for puncturing an amniotic sac;

said shank having sufficient length such that said proximal end rests in the palm of the physician's hand while said point is positioned [in a position] on the face of a fingertip of the physician's same hand;